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In re Application of:)
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For: CLEANING DOCTOR WITH MODIFIED BLADE HOLDER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning doctor (1) for conveyor belts (4) comprising a fixed casing (2) supporting one or more frames (3; 21), each frame being provided with a doctor blade (5) in contact with the surface (8) to be scraped of said conveyor belt (4), wherein said doctor blade (5) is arranged in a groove (6) made in a blade holder (7; 20) associated with said frame (3; 21).

2. (Currently Amended) The cleaning doctor (1) according to claim 1, wherein said blade holder (7) has an L shaped cross section.

3. (Currently Amended) The cleaning doctor (1) according to claim 1, wherein said blade holder (20) has a rectangular cross section.

4. (Currently Amended) The cleaning doctor (1) according to claim 2, wherein said blade holder (7) has a first side (8) fixed to said frame (3) and a second side (10) facing said surface (8) to be scraped, said groove (6) receiving said doctor blade (5) being made in said second side (10).